

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain pending in this application.

This amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted in response to the May 5, 2006, Advisory Action repeating the rejections of claims 1-14 and the objection to claims 3 and 4 set out in the December 19, 2005, Office Action. The May 5, 2006, Advisory Action indicated that Applicant's amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 dated April 17, 2006, would not be entered as it raised new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-14 are patentable and that this application is otherwise in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Applicant's Remarks set forth in the December 19, 2005, Amendment are incorporated herein by reference. Therefore the Remarks are not repeated herein *ipsissima verba*.

In addition, the claims have been further amended from the form presented in the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 for clarity. These amendments are non-narrowing. The amendments are made to confirm that a feature of the claimed invention provides for the device driver decrypting an internal portion of its own file. For example, claim 1 expressly states that "the encrypted program code portion to be decrypted is in said device driver's own program." This feature was in the claims as previously submitted. For example, the claims previously specified that the device driver includes "an encrypted program code portion." Thus the claim as previously submitted provided for the device driver having within it an encrypted program code and the decrypting of that encrypted program code being carried out by the device driver. In any

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R § 1.114
Application No. 10/076,404

case, the claims have now been modified to add the clarifying statement that the “encrypted program code portion to be decrypted is in said device driver’s own program.”

For the foregoing reasons, including the Remarks submitted with the April 17, 2006, Amendment, the claims presently in the application are patentable and this application is in condition for allowance. It is therefore requested that the application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

If for any reason the Examiner the application other than in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington, D.C. telephone number 202-293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

/Howard L. Bernstein Reg. No. 25,665/
Howard L. Bernstein
Registration No. 25,665

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: June 19, 2006